

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Masataka AOKI et al.

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Title: METHOD OF TREATING LARGE SCALE STRUCTURAL BODY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows prior to examination. A version with markings to show the changes made is attached to this Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIM:

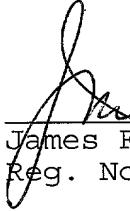
Please amend claim 12 as follows.

12. (Amended) A method of claim 1, wherein the carrying out / in of the large scale structural body is performed by making use of a large scale crane which is disposed outside the nuclear reactor building so that the large scale structural body never passes over the used fuel pool within the nuclear reactor building.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in order to eliminate multiple claim dependencies and otherwise improve the form of the application prior to examination.

Respectfully submitted,


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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claim appearing below, deletions are bracketed and additions are underlined.

12. (Amended) A method of [any one of claims 1 through 11] claim 1, wherein the carrying out / in of the large scale structural body is performed by making use of a large scale crane which is disposed outside the nuclear reactor building so that the large scale structural body never passes over the used fuel pool within the nuclear reactor building.